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APPLICATION OF ) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
THOMAS FRÜH ET AL )  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/736,593 ) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
FILED: DECEMBER 13, 2000 ) EXAMINING GROUP NO.: 1713  
TITLE: USE OF DIALKYL POLYCALFIDES )  
FOR MASTICATION OF NATURAL )  
AND SYNTHETIC RUBBERS )

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 23, 2003. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the remarks and claim amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 4-11 is courteously requested.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification:** None.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Appendix:** None.

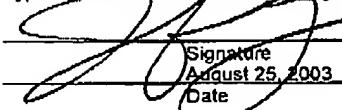
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